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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masato HIGASHI

Application No.: 09/673,628

Filed: December 08, 2000

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure

Customer Number: 20277

Confirmation Number: 3423

Group Art Unit: 2165

Examiner: Samuel G. Rimell

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For: DISK SYSTEM AND METHOD OF UPDATING FIRMWARE

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	16	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	5	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

☐Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.☒

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 19, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 19, 2005, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.